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## July 24, 1951

NO

To Honorable Frederick G. Payne, Governor of Maine Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact

Relative to your memo of July 18, 1951, and correspondence attached thereto, we beg to advise that the Governor is authorized under Chapter 173 of the Public Laws of Maine, 1951, to approve substantially the same Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact as was approved by the Governor of Rhode Island.

Being an emergency measure, the Governor may approve such compact at his convenience, and apparently it will be done only upon his own initiative. Having been so approved, it appears that under Article 12 of the Compact, the Compact will become operative by this State as between it and any other State or State so ratifying. Thus, we would recognize the existence of such agreement between our State and Rhode Island.

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